

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed October 19, 2006 has been carefully considered.

Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Oath/Declaration

The originally filed oath or declaration is defective.

A replacement declaration is submitted herewith.

Claims

Claims 1 and 4 are objected to due to informalities.

In response, applicant has amended claims 1 and 4 to correct the noted informalities.

Support for these changes may be found in the specification, drawings, and claims as originally filed. Therefore, applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added.

With this amendment it is respectfully submitted the claims satisfy the statutory requirements.

Abstract

The Abstract is objected to because it is in excess of 150 words.

In response applicants submit a replacement Abstract herewith.

Drawings

Formal drawings are submitted herewith.

Conclusion

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

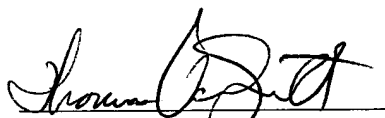
If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,

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